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B.C. done with dispute

Government will draft back-to-work legislation to end standoff with teachers: Minister

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▶ B.C. Teachers' Federation president Susan Lambert says the union will consider all options if a new contract is imposed on teachers.

Another year, another stalemate.

Education Minister George Abbott announced Thursday that the provincial government will begin drafting legislation to end its dispute with teachers. A year at the collective-bargaining table has done nothing to bridge a decades-long gap or bear a contract that was mutually agreed upon.

"It's unacceptable that this situation continues," said Abbott during a media conference call. "The two sides are as far apart today as they were a year ago."

In fact, Abbott says the government has only been able to successfully negotiate a contract with the B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) once — in 2006 — in the last 30 years.

Teachers have been taking part in limited job action since September, refusing to issue report cards and supervise some after-school activities.

The government's insistence on net-zero wage increases in the public sector has been seen as a non-starter in negotiations, but BCTF president Susan Lambert says the union has always been willing to compromise.

There are countless other items that the government has refused to negotiate, she says.

"We've asked for a mediation process," Lambert told media. "If we can't get that, we're open to arbitration."

The union says legislating a new contract on teachers is akin to bullying and will only make the strained relationship between the two sides even worse.

"What's the rush?" Lambert asked.

If teachers are legislated back to work, Lambert wouldn't rule out the possibility of potential walkouts or wildcat strikes.

Any action would be up to the union's members, she says.

Abbott expects the new legislation to be ready by next week.

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RCMP officer to keep her job after work affair

The female RCMP officer who faced dismissal for having an affair with her superior officer will keep her job, but she's been given a reprimand, docked seven days' pay and a disciplinary panel has concluded she has almost no chance of ever being considered a good officer.

The disciplinary panel had originally suggested Const. Susan Gastaldo could be fired, partly because she refused to acknowledge the panel's conclusion that her affair with her superior was consensual.

The panel heard lurid details about the affair during separate hearings, including that the pair had sex in a police cruiser and traded sexually suggestive emails over RCMP-issued BlackBerrys.

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Woman shot in Barriere ID'd by police

The Mounties have released the name of a 61-year-old woman shot and killed north of Kamloops on Monday.

They say Carol Ann Sandercott died in the incident, which was initially described as an accidental shooting near the town of Barriere.

The RCMP have not confirmed it was an accident.

They say they're continuing to investigate and everyone involved has been co-operating.

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▶ Vancouver police Const. Lindsey Houghton at the Cambie Street detachment on Thursday.

Man jumps into creek after alleged grocery theft

◐ Was checked for hypothermia after being found ◐ Store guard tried to stop him from allegedly stealing $140 worth of groceries

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An alleged shoplifter may have gotten away if he hadn't returned to the crime scene to retrieve his house keys.

A security guard at a Whole Foods store at Cambie and Broadway tried to stop a 22-year-old Vancouver man from allegedly stealing $140 worth of groceries just before 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Vancouver police spokesperson Const. Lindsey Houghton said.

The man managed to flee before police arrived, but he dropped his keys during the struggle.

About two hours later, the suspect approached the same security guard, who was on his way home, to ask for his keys back.

Houghton said the man fled when he spotted plainclothes officers and allegedly punched an officer in the face when they caught up to him at an apartment block on Heather Street and tried to arrest him.

The man took off again and sprinted through a huge growth of blackberry bushes, across the train tracks, over a fence and past the SkyTrain station towards False Creek, he added.

"Without any hesitation the suspect in full sprint ran to the seawall and jumped into the cold waters of False Creek," Houghton said, adding the man swam about 100 metres to the marina where an officer and a police dog found him "dripping wet" and "shivering" on the docks.

Michael Edward Houliston of Delta has been charged with theft, assault and assaulting a peace officer. He has been released and will make his next court appearance on March 1.

Houliston was brought to hospital to be checked for hypothermia.

"In fact, it was the same officer who took the shoplifting report that went up to the hospital and said, 'Are these your keys?' Houghton said. "The guy said, 'Yeah, can I have them back, please?' He gave them back."

71-year-old man stabbed by stranger, police say

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A Vancouver senior is in critical condition after he was stabbed in the chest Wednesday by a stranger at a coffee shop.

Vancouver police spokesperson Const. Lindsey Houghton said Mohamed Amer, 30, has been charged with one count each of attempted murder and obstructing a peace officer in the 3 p.m. stabbing.

The 71-year-old man was sitting by himself in a Waves Coffee House in the 400-block of West Hastings Street when Amer allegedly sat next to him and attacked, Houghton said.

"He (allegedly) took a knife he had (hidden in) his pants and stabbed the elderly man in the chest to the shock of others who were sitting nearby," he said. "The suspect then allegedly stood up and pushed the knife further into the victim's chest."

There was no warning or provocation for the alleged attack.

The victim called out for help and several people in the coffee shop rushed to his aid.

Houghton said the suspect just stood there and waited for police to arrive, and he was arrested with no incident. Amer has been previously arrested for mental-health-related incidents, he added.

Police will be asking the courts to rule that Amer undergo a psychiatric assessment.

The suspect, of no fixed address, is also known to police for property and violent crimes across Canada.

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A sugar-coated HIV breakthrough

Researchers find bacterium that has similar sugar molecules to HIV virus ◆ Scientist followed a hunch

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A shot in the dark may have helped scientists find the light at the end of the tunnel.

A team of researchers led by Simon Fraser University scientist Ralph Pantophlet says they've stumbled onto a bacterium that contains unique, unnatural sugar molecules that closely resemble those found on the HIV virus.

The discovery, profiled in the latest issue of the journal Chemistry & Biology, could potentially yield the first vaccine for the virus.

"We've known for a while the surface of HIV (has) sugar molecules on it that cloak it from the immune system," said Pantophlet. "I used to work with (bacteria) and reached out to former colleagues to see if any of them have sugar molecules that resemble the unique structure of those on HIV."

The sugar coating on HIV prevents the body from recognizing the virus as a foreign entity.

Pantophlet's theory was that the immune system quickly recognizes the bacterium as foreign and begins to produce antibodies, so if our systems can be trained to attack matching sugar molecules found on HIV it could pave the way for an effective vaccine.

"This was a complete shot in the dark, an idea that sort of emerged from my background with (bacteria)," said Pantophlet. "I didn't even know if this bacterium existed."

But Pantophlet asked around anyway and was floored when a colleague came back to him with Rhizobium radiobacter, a bacterium that has the same thick sugar molecules on it as the HIV virus.

The team now believes they may be onto a way of tricking the body into immediately producing antibodies when it recognizes the sugar compound on HIV.

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▶ Simon Fraser University scientist Ralph Pantophlet and his team may be on the verge of developing a vaccine for HIV that attacks the unique sugar molecules that coat the virus.

Similar methods have been used to produce sugar-based vaccines for meningitis and childhood pneumonia.

The team is now seeking grant funding from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research to continue its work.

Pantophlet said he is hopeful a vaccine could be reality in five to six years if all goes well, but admits developing a vaccine for HIV has been "challenging to say the least" for the medical community for decades.

Brain train: Hockey team to use computers for practice

A local women's hockey club will be testing a video-game-like "brain gym" in the hopes of taking their game to the next level.

Simon Fraser University's women's ice hockey club, a grassroots team, only in its second season, that plays in a Senior A league in B.C., will be training with the IntelliGym program this summer to help players improve their hockey sense.

IntelliGym, developed by Israeli firm Applied Cognitive Engineering (ACE), is a six-week cognitive training program where players play game-like situations designed to improve perception and decision-making skills.

"It will really make a difference in making those snap decisions," said Sarah Luong, the club's vice president. "I think IntelliGym will help the players with just seeing the whole sheet of ice and the entire play when they're playing a game."

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▶ A young man uses the Hockey IntelliGym, a video-game-like program designed to improve a player's hockey sense.

Luong said if they see great results, they would integrate the program into their training regimen.

Concordia University's men's hockey team will also begin with the program this summer.

Matthew Ross, a spokesperson for ACE, said IntelliGym was originally developed for fighter pilots and has been used by USA Hockey's national team development program for more than two years.

"We push our body almost as far as where we can go in terms of (physical) training methods for the body, but we haven't really tapped into how well we can do mentally," Ross said.

According to USA Hockey's website, the players on the under-17 and under-18 U.S. national teams who have adopted the Hockey IntelliGym have increased their number of goals and assists by 42 per cent after eight weeks of using the program.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Avalanche, it's on us

The Canadian Avalanche Centre has issued a sweeping warning to backcountry enthusiasts that there's a high likelihood over the coming weekend that skiers and snowmobilers will trigger snowslides across B.C. Avalanche forecaster Karl Klassen says weak snow layers have piled up on the mountains, which have been buried by smaller snowfalls that disguise the danger.

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Fatal police shooting not a crime

The Integrated Homicide Investigation team has determined there was no criminal wrongdoing in a fatal police shooting in Vancouver in 2009.

Officers were called to a domestic dispute where they confronted 46-year-old Eugene Knight who was holding a knife to his wife's throat.

Police first used a Taser on the man, then two officers shot and killed him.

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Cop gets ticket at mall

A Kelowna Mountie will be issued a ticket after she parked her cruiser in a marked disabled-parking spot while responding to a call about a shoplifter at a local mall. RCMP Supt. Bill McKinnon said the circumstances of the Feb. 17 incident — a young offender shoplifting with no history of violence — did not meet criteria under the Motor Vehicle Act that would allow an officer to park in the reserved spot.

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Cure for the common hangover?

Vancouver man creates hangover-prevention drink containing electrolytes, artichoke flower and ginger

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A Vancouver man has put his money where his liver is and created what he believes is a hangover-prevention drink.

Businessman Bradley Friesen has created a series of drinks that he hopes will alleviate the agony that chases a long night of drinking.

"If you put the right things into your body the night before or after you finish drinking, you can reduce the symptoms or alleviate them completely," he said.

His drinks, called Last Call, contain potassium, magnesium, sodium, and calcium for hydration, prickly-pear cactus to reduce nausea, and artichoke flower and dandelion root for the liver.

It also contains melatonin to help you sleep, ginger to settle your stomach, and vitamins B and C.

He also created two other drinks in the series that you consume prior to drinking alcohol, one gives you energy, while the second is for hydration.

The bottles come complete with a customized cap that releases the ingredients when opened to eliminate oxidants and the need for chemicals and preservatives.

"I want it to be where the drunks are," said Friesen, who will pitch the drinks on CBC's Dragons' Den on March 21 and hopes the drink will eventually be sold in local bars and 7-Elevens.

"People just want to go to bed when they go home after a night of drinking. I want to give them the drink when they're still open to having another drink."

At Small Business B.C.'s An Evening With The Dragons' Den event last Thursday in Vancouver, Friesen and other Dragons' Den contestants previewed their pitches. He received an overwhelmingly positive response to his drink.

"I had a huge crowd of people around me, wanting," he said. "People were just blown away."

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▶ Bradley Friesen shows off his hangover cure at an event in Vancouver.

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More star-certified get-ripped tips

On Tuesday, you learned how Emma Stone gets red-carpet-ready Now the personal trainer for Anne Hathaway and Ashley Greene gives you his own advice Key to looking fabulous is consistency with workouts and diets

With Oscar Sunday, it might be hard not to feel a bit insecure when you compare yourself with celebrities walking the red carpet in evening dresses and slim-fitting suits.

Metro spoke with Vancouver's Nathan Mellalieu — who's trained the likes of Anne Hathaway and Ashley Greene — for tips on how to get lean, but still look feminine.

He suggests using compound movements that work multiple muscles and joints at the same time to get more athletic, instead of getting ripped. You'll also burn more calories, which means getting leaner. Overall health should be a person's primary concern, he cautions.

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Modified thruster
Benefit: Show off your legs and ensure you're toned all around.
What to do: Stand with a dumbbell in each arm and hold your hands next to your cheeks or next to your shoulders. Squat low and make sure the weight stays on your heels. Thrust your hands all the way up nice and smoothly. Do three sets of 15.

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Pull-ups
Benefit: Look put together with good posture and a nice-looking back — not to mention toned biceps.
What to do: Find something to hang off of and maintain balance and control. Use your chin to pull over the bar and lower yourself back down. Start with one pull-up and gradually add up. It's a hard move. Consider the lat pull-down machine.

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Reverse lunge/lateral raise
Benefit: This move works your shoulders for that sleeveless dress. It also works your core, trunk and legs.
What to do: With a dumbbell in each arm, send one foot backwards and try to touch that same leg's knee to the ground. As you step back, lift your arms up to the side. Do three sets of 10 per leg.

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Kick-boxing
Benefit: Kick-boxing helps get a feminine look without looking muscle-tight.
What to do: Do a series of punches and front kicks or round-house kicks. Keep toenails from breaking by ensuring you use your lower shin, not your lower toe. Kickboxing gets your heart rate up within a minute. Substitute with martial arts or other movement-based sports.

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Curl and press
Benefit: Tube-top dresses are hard to pull off, but this exercise helps by making your shoulders round.
What to do: With a dumbbell in each arm, curl to shoulder height. Press the dumbbells above the head by straightening elbows and extending shoulders up so palms face inward. Curl back down. Do three sets of 15.

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Budget a 'fire sale,' NDP says

The NDP is accusing the Liberal government of a "fire sale" of public assets to pad its budget, but the government says it is just disposing of surplus property.

In Tuesday's budget, Finance Minister Kevin Falcon said the government would be selling off land it no longer needs, including some that was set aside for a hospital expansion in Surrey.

New Democrat Rob Fleming says the government should enhance and leverage the value of public land, not sell it off to create the illusion of a surplus budget.

But Falcon says the sales will raise money, help the government avoid tax hikes and create millions of dollars in economic activity when the land is developed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Airports set to compete

Eliminating the tax on aviation fuel will make B.C. airports more competitive, Transportation Minister Blair Lekstrom says. He says scrapping the tax will help recently upgraded regional airports to attract more airlines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No injuries in resto fire

Firefighters were forced out of the burning Tandoori King Restaurant last night and onto the streets of Vancouver. Fire Capt. Gabe Roder said crews initially attacked the blaze from inside but had to retreat. There were no injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Native heroes take spotlight

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▶ Derek Miller rehearses on Wednesday at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

Red carpet rolls out for aboriginal leaders at Queen Elizabeth Theatre

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Dressed in black ties and gowns, 15 recipients of the 19th annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards will be recognized for career achievements at a celebration Friday night hosted by Burnaby actress Carmen Moore and hockey star Theo Fleury.

"When I was growing up, there weren't a lot of aboriginal people in the spotlight," said Moore, who stars in CBC's Arctic Air. "But it is so important to recognize those behind the scenes in all professions like political science, health and education. These are strong, successful and indigenous role models."

Richard Peters, a 39-year-old Vancouverite who has represented Canada in four Paralympic Games, will be honoured in the sports category. He says wheelchair sports gave him a chance to thrive and inspire youth in the community.

"Sometimes I don't know if it's inspiration," he said. "I just go out there, lend a hand and let them know of the support they can get."

Performers include Derek Miller, who sang at the closing ceremony of the Vancouver Olympics, legendary rocker Robbie Robertson and Metis singer Chantal Kreviazuk.

The awards will be broadcast April 31 on Global TV and on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network.

Suspect arrested in bus attacks

Coast Mountain bus drivers and passengers in Surrey and Langley can relax after the arrest of a man suspected in two recent attacks in Metro Vancouver.

Langley RCMP said a 19-year-old Surrey man was arrested early Thursday, after investigators picked him out of surveillance footage. The suspect, who is known to police, is expected to appear in court on Friday.

The first attack occurred in Surrey on Feb. 18, when a driver was choked by a man. The second incident occurred Tuesday when a passenger was stabbed in the back as he got off a bus in Langley at the same time as the suspect.

Police say both attacks were unprovoked and the victims are expected to recover. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Harper denies campaign 'dirty tricks'

Opposition likens tactics to Nixon and Watergate
Liberals say phone calls may have cost them seats

Prime Minister Stephen Harper insists the Conservative party had nothing to do with a campaign of "dirty tricks" aimed at discouraging opposition supporters from voting in last spring's election.

But New Democrats and Liberals say that given his party's history of illegal or questionable campaign tactics, they aren't buying it.

They say the latest revelations are more proof that the Conservatives have systematically cheated and subverted the democratic process in order to win elections.

They're equating the matter to the notorious Watergate scandal that toppled U.S. President Richard Nixon and they're demanding a full criminal investigation.

New Democrat MP Pat Martin predicted the magnitude of the scam "will be enough to make Richard Nixon blush."

The opposition charges came Thursday after a company that did campaign work for Conservatives, including Harper, was linked to harassing or misleading automated phone calls received by voters in some 18 hotly contested ridings just prior to the May 2 election.

The RCMP refused to confirm or deny it is part of an investigation, but said it may work with government departments or agencies if it is asked.

For his part, Harper denied any knowledge of the scams.

"I have absolutely no knowledge on anything about these calls but, obviously, if there's anyone who has done anything wrong, we expect that they will face the full consequences of the law," he told reporters during a visit to Iqaluit.

Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae said "the whole messy, tangled web" needs to be investigated. And he laid the blame for all of it squarely on Harper.

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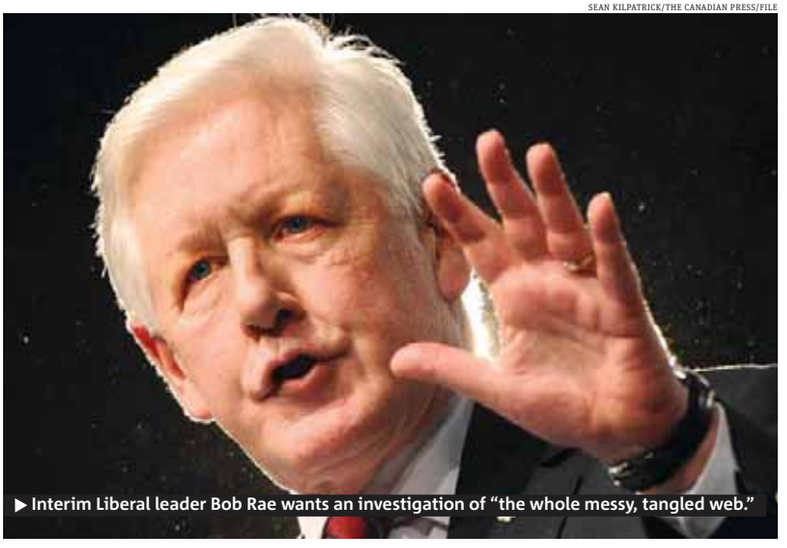

▶ Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae wants an investigation of "the whole messy, tangled web."

"What this suggests is a deeply troubling pattern of dirty tricks and systematic attempts to subvert the democratic process," Rae said in an email.

"A party whose entire approach to politics is negative ... is responsible for a toxic and poisonous political culture. It's in this culture that dirty tricks thrive. Richard Nixon gave birth to Donald Segretti. Mr. Harper gives birth to these tricks as well. The fish rots from the head."

Segretti was a dirty-tricks specialist in the infamous 1972 Nixon campaign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Robocalls

- The robocalls falsely advised voters that Elections Canada had changed the location of their polling stations.
- In other instances, voters received harassing late-night or early-morning calls that purported to be from an opposition campaign office.

Feds dole out $27M for adult education in North

Prime Minister Stephen Harper flew to a frigid Iqaluit to deliver $27 million for adult education in the North, an attempt to help high-school dropouts qualify for jobs.

The money will be spread over five years, and shared by three colleges, one in each of the territories.

"By improving access to adult basic education, we are giving Northerners the tools they need to seek higher education and secure employment in sectors that contribute to Canada's economic growth," Harper said in a statement.

Part of the funding was announced in last June's budget, which put $9 million over two years to adult basic education. Thursday's announcement extends the funding time frame and increases the annual allotment slightly.

Harper has frequently stressed that education levels among aboriginal peoples need to improve if they are ever to find prosperity. But he is under intense pressure from native leaders to ante up serious money.

That pressure may have persuaded Harper to spend a day at a short news conference and a photo op on the ice at -26 C.

"We try to obviously make our announcements in the areas where the announcements are most relevant," he said in explaining the northern jaunt.

Following the indoor formalities, Harper rode in a convoy of seven snowmobiles that drove out about 500 metres over the rough and bumpy sea ice of Frobisher Bay to a small camp set up by members of the Canadian Rangers.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper bundles up in a parka as he tours Frobisher Bay in Iqaluit on Thursday.

Back in the south, the Liberal aboriginal affairs critic called Harper's announcement paltry compared with the needs of the North.

"The prime minister's drive-by announcement today provided nowhere near the kind of resources for education, social housing, mental health, drug treatment and food security desperately needed in the north in order to improve the health, education and well-being of northern Canadians," MP Carolyn Bennett said in a release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

- **Inuit Tapiriit Kapanami**, a non-profit group, has estimated that only a quarter of Inuit students finish high school.
- **The 2006 census** suggests the level is about half that. Regardless, the graduation rate is drastically lower than that of the rest of the population.
- **Nunavut Arctic College** is receiving $11 million of the funding. Yukon College is getting $300,000 so far and can apply for more over the coming five years. And Aurora College is getting $620,000 with the potential for more.
- **The funding** pays for educators, resources and assessment tools that are meant to help under-educated adults gain skills.

Alberta parents of mauled newborn baby speak out

An Alberta couple whose pet husky killed their two-day-old baby says all the dogs in the home went through training and obedience classes.

Rob and Rhonda Fradette said in a news release Thursday that they also attended seminars by the Calgary Humane Society, before bringing the baby home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judges, ex-Tory MP among those decrying crime bill

A group including a victims' advocate, two retired judges and an ex-Conservative MP say Canadians will be more fearful and less safe five years from now under criminal justice changes being made by the Harper government.

The bill is in the final stages of being approved.

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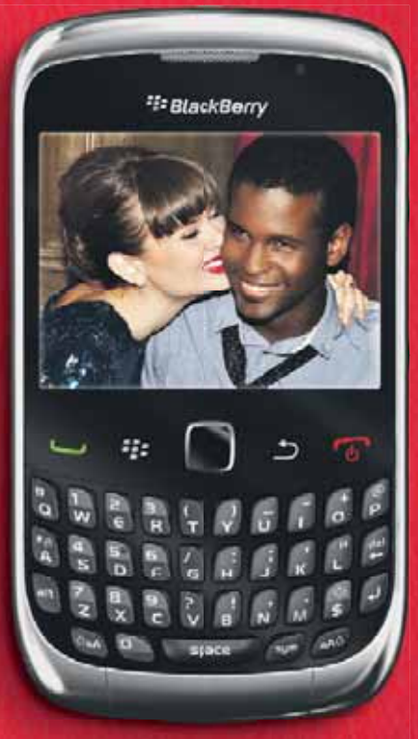

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▶ Afghans shout anti-U.S. slogans in Laghman province, east of Kabul, on Thursday.

AFGHAN RIOTS

Obama apologizes for Qur'an burning

President Barack Obama apologized Thursday for the burning of copies of the Muslim holy book at a U.S. military base this week, as violent protests raging nationwide led a man dressed in an Afghan army uniform to kill two U.S. troops.

The Afghans' furious response to the Qur'an burning — three days of riots in several cities — reflected the anger at what they perceive as foreign forces' disrespect for Afghan laws and culture.

In a letter sent to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Obama expressed his "regret and apologies over the incident in which religious materials were unintentionally mishandled," a White House spokesman said.

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7 marines killed in night training exercise

- Crash follows several recent accidents involving marines in California
- Three killed in separate helicopter crashes at Camp Pendleton

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▶ This undated image provided by the U.S. Marine Corps shows a UH-1 Huey helicopter. One of the two helicopters involved in the crash was similar to this one.

Seven U.S. marines were killed when two helicopters collided in the California desert during night training exercises, the latest of several Marine Corps training accidents in the region.

"We're still gathering a lot of details as the sun comes up," said Lt. Maureen Dooley with the Miramar Air Base in California.

The crash happened around 8 p.m. Wednesday and involved an AH-1W Cobra that carried two crew members and a UH-1 Huey utility helicopter carrying five service members from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

It will be at least 24 hours before the marine corps releases the names of those killed.

The aircraft collided in a remote portion of the Yuma Training Range Complex.

The U.S. military and its allies train in the hot, desert area ringed by mountains because the conditions are similar to Iraq.

The AH-1W is considered the marine corps' main attack helicopter. The UH-1Y is replacing the aging version of the Huey utility helicopter first used during the Vietnam War.

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Drunk dad gets probation

Allowed nine-year-old daughter to drive van since he had been drinking

A U.S. man who allowed his nine-year-old daughter to drive him around because he had been drinking was sentenced Thursday to two years of probation.

Shawn Weimer pleaded guilty in December to second-degree child abuse and allowing an unlicensed minor to operate a motor vehicle. He pleaded guilty on the condition he'd receive no jail time.

Weimer was arrested Oct. 8 when police pulled over his van and found his daughter behind the wheel.

Weimer said he made a mistake in asking his daughter to drive, but that he had been thinking about how he used to drive at his family's farm and junkyard when he was her age.

The girl testified in November that her father had consumed half a bottle of whiskey that night and that she had agreed to drive but felt a "little scared." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Attorney David Steingold, left, talks to Shawn Weimer, who was sentenced to two years probation in a court in Detroit Thursday.

Stepmom accused of running girl to death

ETOWAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/AP

▶ Savannah Hardin

An Alabama woman whose nine-year-old stepdaughter died after authorities say she was punished with a forced three-hour run gave birth on the same day she was arrested and charged with murder.

Etowah County District Attorney Jimmie Harp says Jessica Mae Hardin is under guard at a hospital after giving birth Wednesday.

Hardin and her mother-in-law, Joyce Hardin Garrard, were charged with murder in the death of Savannah Hardin.

Police say the girl was made to run non-stop for three hours as punishment for having eaten a chocolate bar.

Harp says his office is interviewing witnesses and may upgrade the charges to capital murder.

Harp says Savannah Hardin had a bladder condition and was not supposed to have the caffeine in chocolate.

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▶ Accused: Joyce Hardin Garrard, left, and Jessica Mae Hardin

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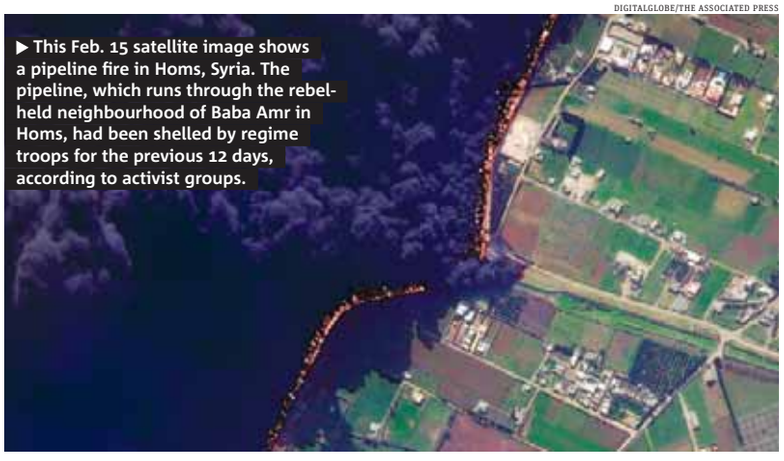

▶ This Feb. 15 satellite image shows a pipeline fire in Homs, Syria. The pipeline, which runs through the rebel-held neighbourhood of Baba Amr in Homs, had been shelled by regime troops for the previous 12 days, according to activist groups.

Syria's supplies dwindle as deadly fighting continues

Most intense offensive remains on city of Homs

Medics stitch wounds with thread used for clothing. Hungry residents risk Syrian government sniper fire or shelling to hunt for dwindling supplies of bread and canned food on the streets of the besieged city of Homs.

The opposition stronghold was being destroyed "inch by inch" by government forces, with collapsed walls and scorched buildings, according to accounts on Thursday, while Western and Arab leaders hoped to silence the guns long enough to rush in relief aid.

The pressure for "humanitarian corridors" into the central Syrian city of Homs and other places caught in President Bashar Assad's crushing attacks appeared to be part of shifts toward more aggressive steps against his regime after nearly a year of bloodshed and thousands of deaths in an anti-government uprising.

In back-to-back announcements, UN-appointed investigators in Geneva said a list for possible crimes against humanity prosecution reaches as high as Assad, and international envoys in London — including U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton — made final touches to an expected demand for Assad to call a ceasefire within days to permit emergency shipments of food and medicine.

Washington and European allies remain publicly opposed to direct military intervention. But there have been growing signs that Western leaders could back efforts to open channels for supplies and weapons to the Syrian opposition, which includes breakaway soldiers from Assad's military.

In a sign of the international divide, however, key Assad ally Russia said Moscow and Beijing remain opposed to any foreign interference in Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Under siege

- The epicentre — the Baba Amr neighbourhood on Homs' southeast corner — is a collection of slum-like apartment blocks with peeling paint and neglected older homes.
- "They are blanketing Baba Amr with shells and snipers. They are destroying it street by street, inch by inch," local activist Omar Shaker told The Associated Press.

Minibus-terminal attack in Pakistan kills a dozen

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▶ Pakistani volunteers help an injured boy as he arrives at a local hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Thursday.

Dilawar Khan's son had stopped off at his tea shop on his way back from school when a powerful car bomb exploded outside it. The 12-year-old was among the dozen killed in Thursday's blast in Peshawar, Pakistan, at a bus terminal for passengers wanting to travel to the lawless border regions with Afghanistan.

The explosion tore through a dozen vehicles waiting to transport passengers from the city of Peshawar to other areas of the country. Some of the minibuses were blackened and destroyed. There were 32 wounded, including women and children, officials said.

"God should destroy these terrorists," Khan cried at a hospital in the northwestern city of Peshawar.

In the chaos, the 45-year-old shopkeeper initially thought his other son had been killed, but he turned up at home later.

"What have my sons done wrong?" he said, beating his face with his hands.

Violence has dropped off in Peshawar and some other areas of Pakistan over the past year following offensives against the Pakistani Taliban in the northwest.

But bombings and shootings still occur with regularity, especially in the border regions, and no one is predicting victory against the militants.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast. The dead included two children, including Khan's son.

Peshawar is located close to the Afghan border, the main sanctuary for Pakistani Taliban fighters at war with the government.

The car bomb was loaded with nearly 45 kilograms of explosives, city police Chief Siraj Ahmed said. It's unclear why the bus terminal was targeted. Most militant attacks are aimed at security-force or government targets, but markets and other public places have also been hit, presumably to create chaos and add to perceptions that the government is unable to provide basic security. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazen city attacks leave Iraqis reeling

Bombs and deadly shootings relentlessly pounded Iraqis on Thursday, killing at least 55 people and wounding more than 225 in a widespread wave of violence the government called a "frantic attempt" by insurgents to prove the country will never be stable.

Cars burned, school desks were bloodied, bandaged victims lay in hospitals and pools of blood were left with the wounded on floors of bombed businesses after the daylong series of attacks in 12 cities across Iraq.

The assault showed how vulnerable the country remains two months after the American military withdrew from the country and put the onus for protecting the public solely in the hands of Iraqi forces.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the latest attacks, but car bombs are a hallmark of al-Qaida. The Iraqi Interior Ministry blamed al-Qaida insurgents for the violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Finance Minister Jim Flaherty answers questions from members of the media in Toronto on Thursday.

‘Draconian’ cuts not for us: Flaherty

Budget won’t follow Europe’s lead
Yet agencies told to tighten belts

Ottawa will take a moderate approach to government cost-cutting in the budget instead of following in Europe’s austerity-driven footsteps, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

“We are not one of the countries, many of them in Europe, that have run up deficits for a long period of time, accumulated substantial debt and must really act dramatically — some of them in a draconian way in order to get their house in order again,” Flaherty said.

The federal government grew as part of the Conservatives’ economic action plan during the global recession and “we will have to have some moderation of that,” he added.

Flaherty’s comments seemingly run counter to signals that he’s preparing a painful, cost-slashing budget next month. Government departments and agencies have been ordered to cut spending by up to 10 per cent. Few details of the cuts have been made public and the opposition parties are calling on the Conservatives to come clean about their plans to curb costs.

“You never quite know what their political game is. Possibly they’re trying to get everybody all frightened and thinking there’ll be massive cuts, and then if they just have moderate cuts, everybody will breathe a sigh of relief,” said Liberal Treasury Board critic John McCallum.

Flaherty dismissed the need for corporate tax hikes. He said once governments get spending under control they don’t have to raise taxes. The budget is also expected to issue a firm policy direction on old-age security centred around raising the retiree collection age. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court halts iPad proceeding

Lawyers say a Shanghai court has suspended proceedings in a lawsuit by a Chinese electronics maker against Apple Inc. over use of the iPad trademark in China.

The Guangdong High Court is due to hear an appeal by Apple on Feb. 29 against a lower-court decision that favoured Proview. Proview was seeking an injunction to stop Apple from selling iPads in Shanghai. The companies are feuding over whether Proview sold the rights to the mainland Chinese iPad trademark to Apple in a deal in 2009.

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Keystone pipeline inevitable: Governor

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▶ Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer at his office at the Montana legislature on Wednesday in Helena. He believes the Keystone XL pipeline will be built next year.

Montana’s governor says the Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta’s oilsands to the Gulf Coast will eventually be built, and he blames the delay on “jackasses” in Washington who have only recently discovered the issue.

“Ninety per cent of these jackasses that are complaining about the Keystone pipeline in Washington, D.C., one year ago wouldn’t have even known where the Keystone was,” said Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a Democrat.

The pipeline, which would extend an existing oil line that delivers crude to the U.S. Midwest, has become a major political flashpoint as U.S. President Barack Obama seeks re-election.

Backers of the Trans-Canada project say it would create thousands of jobs and supplant crude imports. Critics worry it would increase dependence on “dirty” oilsands crude and cause ecological harm to the American heartland in the event of a spill. A decision by the U.S. State Department was delayed until early 2013 to work out a new route. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadians rely heavily on home value: BoC

Canadians are becoming increasingly vulnerable to a housing correction, exposing them to a perfect storm of high debt and falling assets, the Bank of Canada warns.

In a book of four research papers released Thursday, the central bank suggests many Canadians have constructed their finances on a house of cards, with ever rising home values the key and vulnerable support.

The bank economists point out that home prices have risen sharply in the past dozen or so years along with debt, as households needed both bigger mortgages to buy homes and used equity from higher home values to finance other purchases.

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WILL HIS FIRST WORD BE SHOTGUN?

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MIKE BENHAIM
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1 Priorities: Even in recession, our society manages to fund organizations like the Kinsey Institute's Condom Use Research Team (CURT). The Journal of Sexual Health recently published research that states, "Condom misuse is an epidemic." Kinsey's Richard Crosby went so far as to say, "We underestimate how complicated condom use can be." Really? Have we tried funding an organization that prevents dummies from having sex?

2 Roll up the RIM: This week RIM announced the launch of its BlackBerry PlayBook OS 2.0. It includes many things that should have been on the original, but they are still slightly behind their competitors, primarily pertaining to apps. My thought? How about an app that teaches people how to use a condom?

3 Sorry Charlie: Charlie Sheen wrote a letter to Ashton Kutcher, apologizing for recent "disrespectful" comments. Sheen's management stated, "Why is anyone still listening to Charlie?"

4 Auto child: Toronto couple Robbie and Esther Stern gave birth to a baby boy in the front seat of their Dodge Avenger. What happens now? Do they get free Dodges for life? Is the kid automatically born with a driver's licence? Free gas? Either way, it'll make a great ad: "Dodge Avenger: From one generation to the next!"

5 Wise-guy witness: After years of suspicion that organized-crime groups were controlling public-works contracts in Quebec, an inquiry has finally been launched. Now Quebec is asking the public to help gather evidence via anonymous email or toll-free phone calls. In unrelated news, the Canadian government has cut funding to the witness-protection program.

6 Dating for dummies: Canada is on the reality-show bandwagon: Canada's Got Talent airs next week, and auditions for The Bachelor Canada are underway. Next, I suggest a combo show wherein the bachelor actually chooses his companion based on her talent. Women can juggle, dance or sing (my money's on the contortionist). Hey, maybe they can finally find a partner for Susan Boyle.

7 Poetic justice: A fugitive, who had been convicted of 12 counts of sexual misconduct with a minor and who had appeared on America's Most Wanted, was arrested in Montreal upon returning from Venezuela. He lived in Vancouver for 10 years under an assumed Canadian identity. With a 169-year sentence looming, he probably felt he should take time off to travel. Let's hope he's imprisoned alongside other most-wanted criminals. That's something I'd pay to see.

8 Academy Awards: A word of advice for the Oscars. If you win the award for best short film, please ensure your speech is shorter than the actual project.

9 Here's lookin' at you, Kid: Native Montrealers lost an icon last week when Gary (The Kid) Carter passed away at age 57. In 2003 he became the first player to enter the Baseball Hall of Fame as an Expo. The bond between Carter and Montreal was so strong that, even after playing for three other teams, he returned for one final season in 1992. He will be dearly remembered, and forever missed. RIP.

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat

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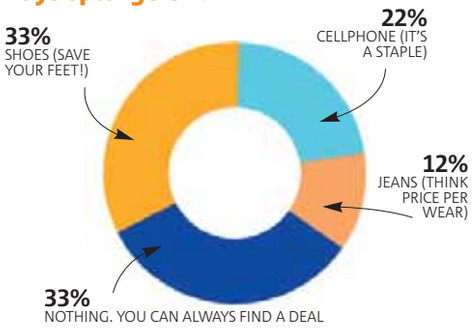
Which everyday item should you always splurge on?



Local tweets

- **@sixbeamers:** New Argo Jarious Jackson "disappointed, not mad" that B.C. Lions didn't retain him. Argos now have more QBs (4) than Grey Cup champs (3).
- **@keithbaldrey:** Bill imposing contract on teachers ready by next week, Abbott says. When it actually comes down to be determined. #bced #bcpoli
- **@BrianHedger:** Schneider: "It's great drama. It's great hockey. As much as we don't like each other, we have a ton of respect for one another." #Blackhawks
- **@carlyraejepsen:** Flying from LA to Vancouver. Big fat thanks to @scooterbraun @justinbieber and the whole team. I'm just Alice in Wonderland.
- **@BIGMURPH56:** @angus-reid64 that's right it was always good to have the 2nd Mayor of Vancouver at my disposal... you are THE hot commodity in that city!
- **@ron262:** Getting ready for @VanCanucks game in Detroit! Go Canucks, break the streak!

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Daily Zoom

Human water fountain

For the man who has everything

MIAMI BEACH. Fancy joining the jet set? Well, it wouldn't hurt if you got yourself this water-powered jet pack, demonstrated here at the Yacht & Brokerage Show in Florida this month.

The JetLev R200 toy for big boys propels fliers nine metres in the air by sucking up water from the sea and blasting it back out. MWN

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Synopsis

- Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd play a big-city couple forced to downsize when he loses his job and her documentary is rejected by HBO. Forced to sell their apartment and faced with the prospect of working with his idiot brother, the pair go adopt a hippie lifestyle and move into a free love commune.

- **Ratings:**
Richard: ⊕⊕⊕⊕
Mark: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

HANDOUT

▶ In Wanderlust, Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston play a big-city couple who leaves it all behind to live in a commune.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Hippie hilarity

Wanderlust is the funniest movie since Bridesmaids, says Richard Crouse

The cast and script bring a freshness to the hippie satire

Richard: Mark, Wanderlust is something we haven't seen for a while — a Jennifer Aniston movie that doesn't stink. In fact, it's really good. Great supporting cast, loads of laughs and a great hallucination scene. The only thing that stinks is the hippie hygiene. What did you think?

MB: Ah, but most Paul Rudd movies are pretty good. He has a great track record of choosing good scripts, and Aniston had the good sense to attach herself to it. This is really one of the funniest movies I've seen in a long time. I started laughing at the opening scene in the realtor's office and didn't stop for 90 minutes. It's smart, well-cast, timely, and I can't find any flaws. If you liked writer/director David Wain's offbeat, loopy work in The State or Wet Hot American Summer, you're going to love this picture.

RC: Agreed. I haven't laughed like that in a movie since Bridesmaids last year. Rudd dies a mirror pep talk scene that is raunchy, funny and kind of surreal. Speaking of surreal, the hallucination sequence is trippy and hilarious. I've seen loads of drug scenes in movies but this one made me feel high ... with laughter.

MB: The film feels like Martha Marcy May Marlene reimagined as a comedy with, yes, a Bridesmaids spirit. It's been a long while since we've seen a hippie commune satire, and it's long overdue. So much to like here — Alan Alda's acid-head paterfamilias, Malin Ackermann's love goddess, the nudist writer/winemaker, the boorish brother, his neglected trophy wife, and Justin Theroux as the cult leader lost in the '90s.

RC: I think the reason the movie works so well, aside from the very funny script, is that each of the characters you mentioned could have been the focus of the story and it still would have been a good movie. There isn't a character in the movie that feels extraneous. Also, I loved the uber hippie jokes. Where else would you find a placenta as soup stock joke?

MB: Saturday Night Live had a 'placenta helper' mock commercial some time ago that was heavily censored. But you're right – the movie gets the details right. It's an ayahuasca ceremony that they take part in, peyote being so ... 2003. And maybe that's the thrill of finally seeing Ms. Aniston in a comedy that's not only funny but original as well. She's been performing for focus groups far too long. Wanderlust may be a Hollywood movie, but it has an indie sensibility.

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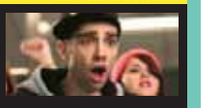
Scene in brief



Alliance Films says the City of Toronto has removed 38 Goon posters ahead of the hockey movie's release Friday. A spokeswoman for Alliance says the outdoor ads feature Goon star Jay Baruchel "gesturing in a way that the city believes is inappropriate." The poster in question reportedly featured Baruchel making a sexually suggestive sign with his tongue and fingers.
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Movie reviews

Good Deeds
Genre: Comedy/Romance
Director: Tyler Perry
Stars: Tyler Perry, Gabrielle Union, Thandie Newton

Good Deeds will make you laugh, but you'll be laughing at it rather than with it. It may also make you cry, but they will be tears of frustration at a story so predictable it makes the See Spot Run books seem complex by comparison. Director Tyler Perry is not doing audiences a good deed by releasing his latest film, Good Deeds, in general release. The melodramatic story of a rich man (Tyler Perry) who learns about love and life from a woman (Thandie Newton) who works for him isn't just a bad movie, it's what I call a 'seatbelt movie;' a film so bad you'll need a seatbelt to keep you from walking out halfway through.

RICHARD CROUSE

Goon
Genre: Comedy
Director: Mike Dowse
Stars: Seann William Scott, Jay Baruchel, Allison Pill

Mike Dowse's mighty hockey comedy splits the difference between Slapshot (gory rink violence) and the director's previous Fubar films (well-meaning boneheads trying their best not so screw up). Seann William's performance as a bouncer-turned-enforcer is a beautiful balance of guilelessness and thuggery, and the script gives him and the other actors plenty of space to breathe while still squarely hitting the necessary sports-flick beats.

ADAM NAYMAN

Act of Valor
Genre: Action
Directors: Mike McCoy, Scott Waugh
Stars: Alex Veadov, Roselyn Sanchez

There's something simultaneously startling and uncomfortable about watching real-life Navy SEALS starring in a fictional action film based on their professional exploits: at times, Act of Valor feels like the live-action equivalent of a kid slamming his GI Joes together. The film is relatively well-made around its strange gimmick, and if it's unusually jingoistic by the standards of most post Iraq-war blockbusters, that's the whole idea: faulting the filmmakers for heroizing their subjects is sort of missing the point.

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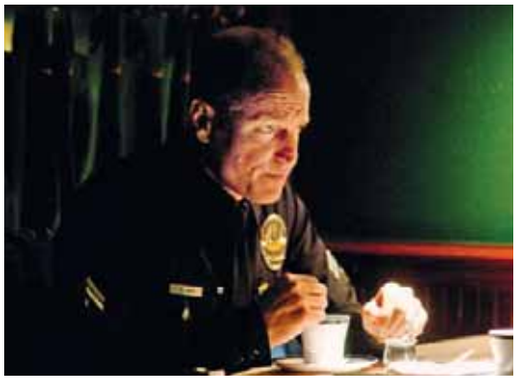

Rampart
Genre: Crime
Director: Oren Moverman
Stars: Woody Harrelson, Ben Foster, Sigourney Weaver

Like so many movies released in the last year, Rampart is a so-so movie dominated by a performance by its lead star. Woody Harrelson is Dave Brown an amoral LAPD cop with a drinking problem, a complicated love life and a huge legal problem. Set just a few years after the Rodney King beatings, Brown's life is turned upside down when he is videotaped beating a suspect. With the release of Rampart, Harrelson proves himself to be one of the most versatile actors working today. From comedy to drama, he can do it all, and in Rampart he transcends the material, delivering a powerful, compelling performance.

RICHARD CROUSE

Flowers of War
Genre: Drama
Director: Yimou Zhang
Stars: Christian Bale, Ni Ni, Xinyi Zhang

Christian Bale finds himself trapped in a convent during the Japanese rape of Nanking during the Second World War. An opportunistic American mortician, he finds himself posing as the priest, taking responsibility for the convent's schoolgirls and a group of prostitutes who seek refuge while staving off Japanese soldiers. Bale's presence is distracting given the Chinese cast, but he plays his part well. However the film's alternating tone, between mellow drama and brutal reality, distracts from this historical story.

IAN GORMELY

The Prodigies
Genre: Animation
Director: Antoine Charreyron
Stars: Jeffrey Evan Thomas, Lauren Ashley Carter, Moon Dailly

The Prodigies was received with sneers at Cannes last year, but its sour reputation isn't entirely deserved. A French computer animated sci-fi thriller geared towards young adults, the film's most glaring flaw is that it doesn't really know what its market is. The film is far too violent for kids (rape and decapitation are featured prominently) and the simplistic narrative is too goofy and familiar for more sophisticated audiences.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Donovan's Echo
Genre: Crime
Director: Jim Cliffe
Stars: Bruce Greenwood, Danny Glover

Donovan Matheson returns home after a 30-year absence and becomes convinced that a little girl is in danger. A supernatural murder mystery and strong performances carry the film's slow pace. Donovan's Echo will test the patience of viewers who prefer more realistic fare.

IAN GORMELY

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It's party time

Project X director talks about his own days of partying Filming a bender isn't as fun as it seems

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When I sit down to talk to British director Nima Nourizadeh at the W Hotel in Hollywood, there's a tray full of liquor bottles and martini-making tools on the table between us. It's not even 10 in the morning. "Do you want a drink?" he offers, before joking, "This is the second tray they've brought me, by the way. I've already had one." That sense of humour makes him a perfect fit for Project X, his directorial debut, about a teenage house party that gets beyond out of control.

This movie looked like a lot of fun to make for the actors but a nightmare for the director.

I mean, honestly, it was one of the most challenging things that I've ever done. We had a short amount of time to shoot quite an insane movie. But it was like this controlled chaos, you know? It was a lot of fun, but you hit an age where you're just like, after one night of partying you just want to chill and watch TV. And for me it was like I had to keep the energy up for four and a half weeks of night shoots.

That'll certainly take a toll on you.

Oh, it did, it did. I had to stay in that schedule at the weekends as well. It was really quite an isolating experience for me. I came out here [from London] to shoot the movie, and for the time being I'm still here. I actually came out here to have a meeting, and I thought I'd be out here for a couple of weeks, and I never went back. Can you believe that? I didn't even have a send-off!

So how does the movie match up to your own party experiences?

I don't even know if I can even talk about it. (laughs) My party experiences tend to be I have an amazing time, and then I wake up. I literally wake up and I'm still at the party and no one else is there. That's happened to me loads of times, actually. And then you hear about what happened in that time period. Actually, that sounds a bit like the Hangover. (laughs) It's like people texting you and you're like, "Oh s—, that didn't happen, did it?"

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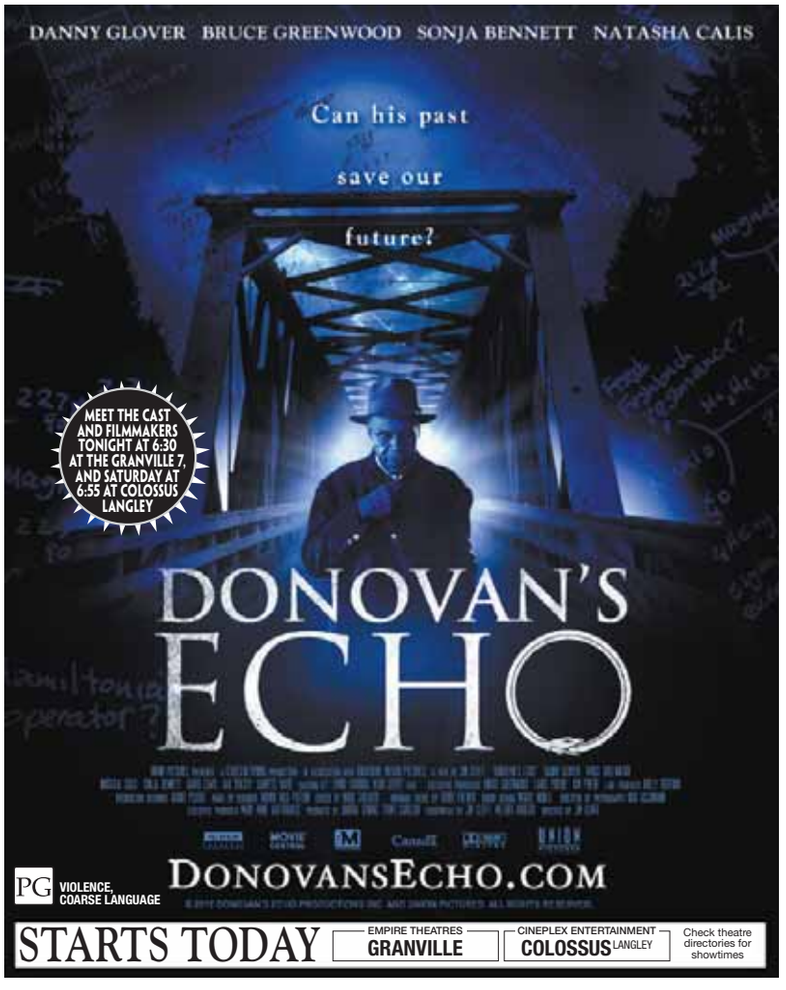
Was there any concern about pulling back on content to get the R rating?

Me less than maybe the producers knew what we could and couldn't get away with. And on top of that we've got this realistic approach to the movie, so we have to touch on some things that maybe normally you wouldn't, like the drug use, some of the sex. I just wanted to do as much as possible, and I felt like kids today have seen so many things. It wasn't like when I was growing up — you had to get a VHS and that was the only way you would see some of this stuff. We didn't have the Internet. If you wanted to see some boobs you had to maybe watch a movie that was rated R. I just think this kind of material is so much more accessible to kids right now that it probably won't seem as outrageous to them as it does to someone my age.

Yet there's no cigarette smoking in the movie, from what I could see.

You might actually see one. (laughs) No no no. I'm not sure if it was a conscious thing or not, but we just never really wanted to show it. Like, there's nothing really glamorous about it — I'm not saying that everything else is glamorous, but there was no value in having any cigarettes. I don't think anyone was missing out on seeing a cigarette being smoked in the film. There was too many other things to keep your eye on."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Baron Cohen gets warning from Oscars

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Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen can only show up to the Oscars on Sunday if he promises not to come dressed as General Aladee, the main character of his soon-to-be-released movie The Dictator.

The actor's tickets to the award show were pulled after the Academy got wind of Cohen's plan to show up on the red carpet decked out as Aladee, who may or may not be modeled after Muammar Gaddafi, the former ruler of Libya who was run out of his position in a civil war and killed by opposition fighters in August 2011. As Deadline reports, Cohen, who is an Academy member and one of the stars of Hugo (which is a Best Picture contender), was told he cannot attend the 84th annual Academy Awards.

However, after a bit of backlash, the Academy then said Cohen could come if, and only if, he promises not to show up in costume or promote The Dictator on the red carpet.

"We would love to have Sacha Baron Cohen at the Oscar show," an Academy spokesperson told CNN. "We have expressed [to Cohen] that we don't like our red carpet to be used as a promotional stunt. We're waiting to hear from him. We've put the ball in his court."

> **"We have expressed [to Cohen] that we don't like our red carpet to be used as a promotional stunt."**
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Knowing Cohen, this is just the type of scenario he'd love, so we're anxiously awaiting to see how he turns this awkward situation into a hilarious stunt for another upcoming movie.

Meanwhile, all the publicity is no doubt sparking plenty of interest in said film.

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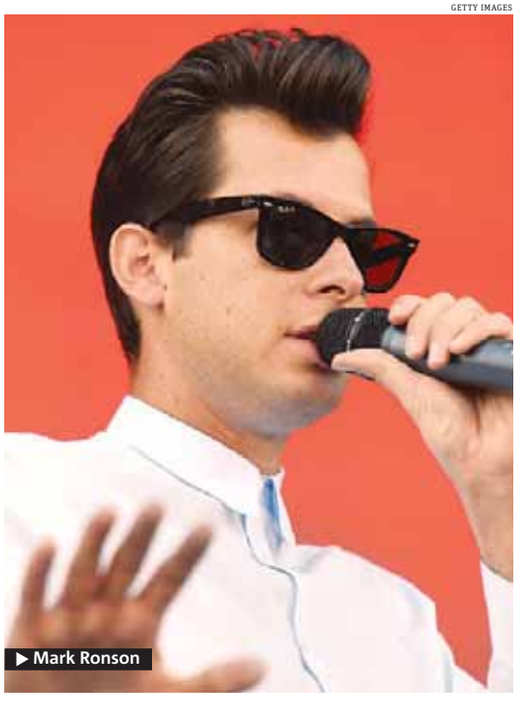

▶ Mark Ronson

New film pushes Mark Ronson, DJ Premier outside of their comfort zones

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It's not easy to throw Mark Ronson for a loop. Having produced such varied acts as Amy Winehouse, Duran Duran and Nas, he was eager to get involved in a fish-out-of-water musical experience like Re:Generation, the new film which pairs producers with unlikely musicians.

"I came from being a hip-hop DJ in New York, starting off in the '90s and that's what you did, you brought genres together," says Ronson. "That has always appealed to me."

For his part, Ronson brings one of his favourite backing bands, the Dap-Kings, to New Orleans to create a jazz song with Erykah Badu, Trombone Shorty, Mos Def and drummer Joseph (Zigaboo) Modeliste.

"We were all pretty much just going into it with Zigaboo as a complete hero of all of ours," says Ronson. "The way he plays drums and his drum breaks from the early Meters stuff are pretty much the DNA of hip-hop and funk, and we were all excited beyond belief to play with him. And he still plays and sounds like he did on those records that we grew up listening to!"

Elsewhere in the film, DJ Premier (Preem) visits Boston to work with the Berklee Symphony Orchestra, Skrillex works with the surviving members of The Doors in Los Angeles, The Crystal Method go to Detroit to work with Martha Reeves of the Vandellas and the Funk Brothers, while Pretty Lights struggles to create something country with LeAnn Rimes and Dr. Ralph Stanley.

"I saw it in the trailer that there's a little tension and some serious culture and generational gaps going on, and I'm a little bit concerned that our thing is going to seem a bit boring," says Ronson, whose composition really does seem to come together quite organically. He says a key to the kinship was hanging out.

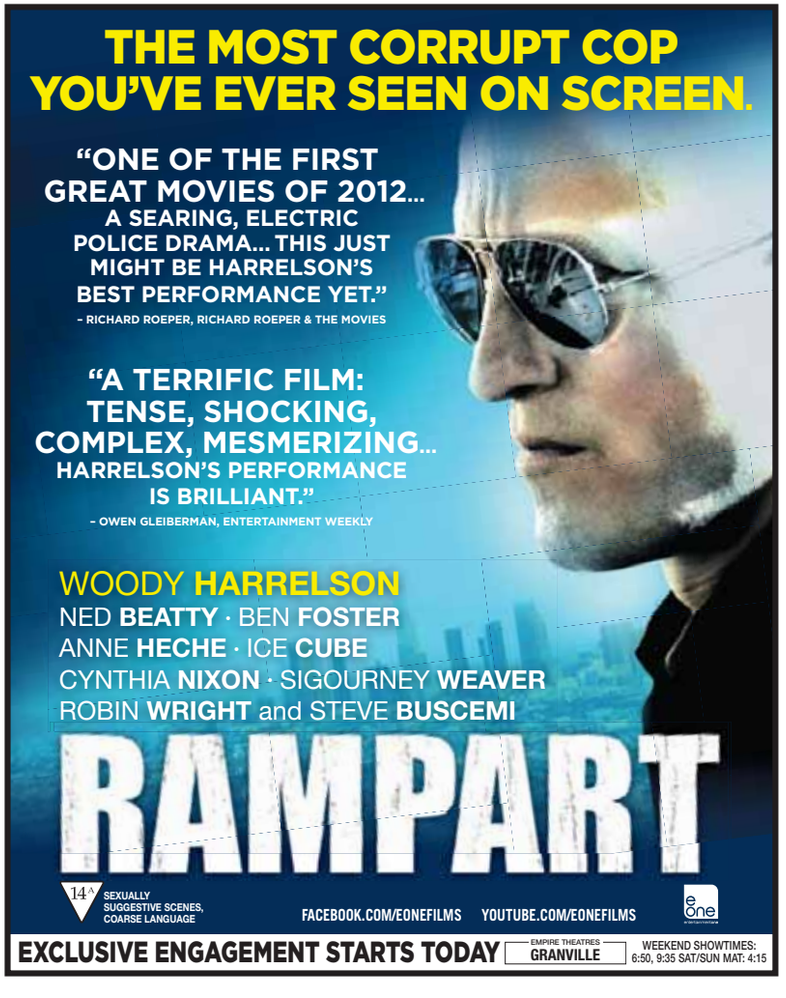
"We all just learned a lot and had a great time down in New Orleans," he says. "We went to this kind of alternative scene bar where like 80 per cent of the dudes had full face tattoos and they were playing this music called bounce, and we just absorbed all of New Orleans, not just its traditional culture."

Premier premieres

DJ Premier may have had the assignment that was least similar to what he regularly does. The hip-hop producer, known for his work with rappers like Snoop Dogg and Kanye West, had to create a piece of classical music.

"I really enjoyed having the chance to learn something new," says Premier. Granted access to classical greats, Preem sampled various composers to piece his ideas together. Then he collaborated with Berklee professor Stephen Webber, who transcribed the samples into written music.

"Working with everyone on this was just dope," says Premier.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Oscars show no love to the songs

Sergio Mendes excited for Oscars but saddened songs are not included in this year's ceremony

Sergio Mendes will attend the Academy Awards on Sunday, but will do so with mixed feelings.

He's honoured that his song Real in Rio, from the animated movie Rio, is one of the only two nominated this year, but upset with the show producers' decision not to present the tunes during the telecast.

"I am very frustrated, kind of sad that we will not be able to perform such a lively song," the 71-year-old Brazilian legend said in an interview Monday (Mendes shares the nomination with his countryman Carlinhos Brown and American singer-songwriter Siedah Garrett).

In some ways, it's reminiscent of what happened to another Latin star, Uruguayan Jorge Drexler, in 2005 when he was nominated in the category for Al otro lado del rio, from The Motorcycle Diaries.

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▶ Sergio Mendes

Instead of having the singer-songwriter perform his own song, the Academy decided to call on Antonio Banderas — who is Spanish — to sing it. Drexler, who was very hurt, ended up getting his way after he won: His acceptance speech was simply the first verse of his song, sang by himself.

The difference on this occasion is that Mendes is no stranger in Hollywood. The Grammy-winner, who is based in Los Angeles, boosted his fame in the United States in 1968 by singing Burt Bacharach and Hal David's Oscar-nominated The Look of Love at the Academy Awards ceremony.

Besides Real in Rio, the other song nominated is Bret McKenzie's Man or Muppet from The Muppets. It is also not included in the telecast, the Academy confirmed on Monday (Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, nevertheless, will appear as presenters).

The producers' decision not to showcase both songs has been criticized by some who think such performances would have injected great colour into a ceremony that last year saw its ratings drop 10 per cent.

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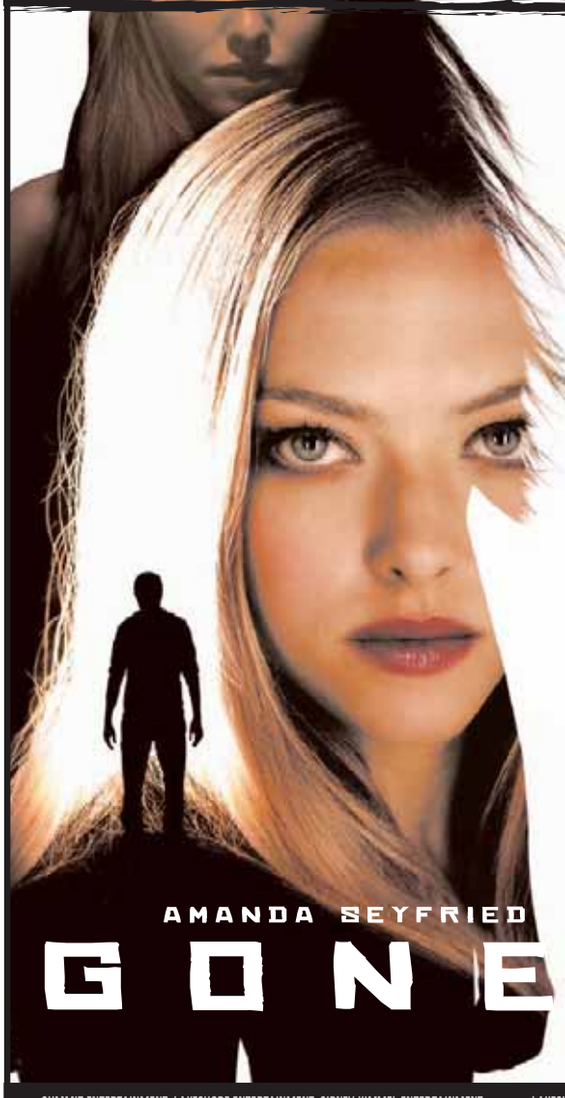

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Safe House (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:15
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 8:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Act of Valor (STC) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 2-5-7:40-10:15
Chronicle (14A) Fri-Sun 7:35-10:15 Mon 7:35 Tue 7:35-10:15 Wed 10:15 Thu 7:35-10:15
Ernani (STC) Sat 9:55
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-5:50-8:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:20-5:10-7:45-10:20
Goon (18A) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-5:55-8:25-10:50 Mon-Thu 2:15-5:30-8:15-10:30
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05 Mon-Wed 1:45-4:15-7:15-9:45 Thu 1:45-4:15-7:15
The Land Before Time (STC) Sat 11
Leonardo Live (G) Sun 11:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Mon 6:30
National Theatre Live: The Comedy of Errors (STC) Thu 7
Project X (18A) Thu 10:30
Safe House (PG) Fri 2-4:45-7:50-10:35 Sat 2:15-4:55-7:50-10:35 Sun 2-4:45-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:45-10:30
Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20
This Means War (STC) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:20
The Vow (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
Wanderlust (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:05-5:30-8-10:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:30-5:8-10:35
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sun 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:25 Mon 1:45-4:15-10:25 Tue-Wed 1:45-4:15-7:45-10:25 Thu 1:45-4:15-10:25

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220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri 4:10-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:25-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:25-4:10-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55
Gone (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:40 Sat 1:35-4:20-7:10-9:40 Sun 1:35-4:20-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
Hugo (G) Fri 4:05 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:05 Mon-Thu 4:05
Love (PG) Fri 4:25-7:15-9:55 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:15-9:55 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri 4:6:45-9:30 Sat 1:15-4:6:45-9:30 Sun 1:15-4:6:45 Mon-Thu 4:6:45
The Secret World of Arrietty (STC) Fri 4:15-6:50-9:10 Sat 1:30-4:15-6:50-9:10 Sun 1:30-4:15-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:50
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Sat 7-9:50 Sun-Thu 7
Underworld: Awakening (18A) Fri 4:15-6:40-9:45 Sat 2:05-4:15-6:40-9:45 Sun 2:05-4:15-6:40 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:40

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Act of Valor (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:20-10:10 Fri-Thu 2-4:55-7:50-10:35
Chronicle (14A) Fri-Sat 12:35-2:50-5:15-7:55-10:05 Sun-Wed 2:50-5:15-7:55-10:05 Thu 2:50-5:15-10:05
Dancing Queen (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:50
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:40-9:40
Ernani (STC) Sat 9:55
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8:15-10:40 Mon-Thu 3-5:30-8:15-10:40
Gone (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:40 Mon-Tue 1-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:40 Wed 3:20-5:45-8:10-10:40 Thu 1-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Goon (18A) Fri-Thu 2:20-5:15-8:20-10:50 Fri-Thu 1:25-3:45-6:05-8:25-10:50
The Grey (18A) Fri-Thu 4:15-9:55
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:15
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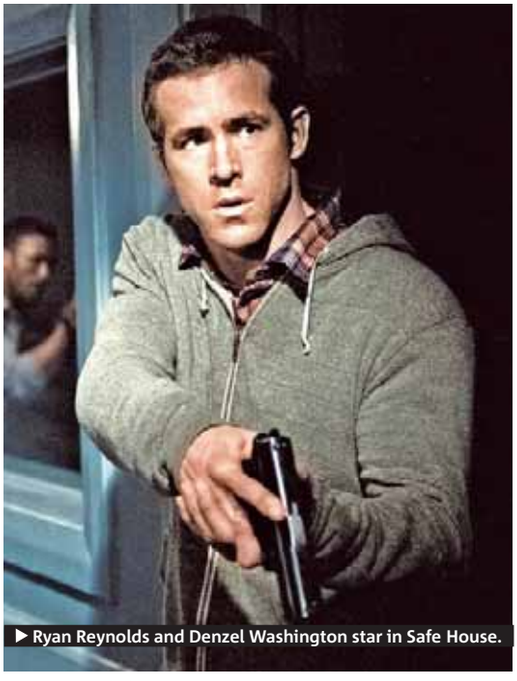

▶ Ryan Reynolds and Denzel Washington star in Safe House.

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The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-7:25

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CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

The Way (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Thu 7 Sat-Sun 1:30

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri 7:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:40-7:15 Mon-Thu 7:15
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:45
Big Miracle (G) Fri 6:55 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:25-6:55 Mon-Thu 6:55
The Grey (18A) Fri-Thu 9
Hugo (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-9:20
My Week With Marilyn (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 8:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Act of Valor (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8:05-10:40 Mon 2:05-4:40-7:25-10:15 Tue 12:30-3-5:30-8:05-10:40 Wed-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:25-10:15
Ek Main Aur Ekk Tu (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:40-10:15
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 1-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:45 Sun 1-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:25 Mon 2-4:50-7:15-9:45 Tue 1-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:45 Wed-Thu 2-4:50-7:15-9:45
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Goon (18A) Fri-Sun 1:25-3:45-6:05-8:25-10:45 Mon 2-4:45-7:50-10:25 Tue 1:25-3:45-6:05-8:25-10:45 Wed-Thu 2-4:45-7:50-10:25
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10 Mon 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:40 Tue 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10 Wed 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:40 Thu 1:35-4:20-7:05
The Land Before Time (STC) Sat 11
Pata Nahi Rabb Kehdeyan Rangan Ch Raazi (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:05-10:25 Mon 2:15-6:50-10:10 Tue 12:30-3:50-7:05-10:25 Wed-Thu 2:15-6:50-10:10
Project X (18A) Thu 10
Safe House (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:35-10:35 Mon 1:55-4:50-7:35-10:30 Tue 2-4:50-7:35-10:35 Wed-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:35-10:30
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The Vow (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:10-10:35 Mon 1:30-4-7:10-10:05 Tue 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:10-10:35 Wed-Thu 1:30-4-7:10-10:05
Wanderlust (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:35 No Passes Sun 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:30 No Passes Mon 1:45-4:15-7:30-10:20 No Passes Tue 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:35 No Passes Wed 4:15-7:30-10:20 No Passes Thu 1:45-4:15-7:30-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1

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Act of Valor (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:15-7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:35-4:15-7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:50-8:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:15-7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:50-8:35
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Goon (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:30-7:30-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:30-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 6-8:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:30-7:30-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 6-8:40
Jodi Breakers (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:25-6:15-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:30-3:25-6:15-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Mon 5-8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:25-6:15-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Wed-Thu 5-8
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The Secret World of Arrietty (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:30-6:45-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:45-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:05-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:30-6:45-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:05-7:45
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The Vow (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:50-6:30-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:30-8:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:50-6:30-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:30-8:25
Wanderlust (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:20-8:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:20-8:10

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The Artist (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri 7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:15

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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri 7-8:45 Sat-Sun 2-7-8:45 Mon-Thu 7-8:45
This Means War (STC) Fri 7:20-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:25
The Vow (PG) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20

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Act of Valor (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:10-10:10
Big Miracle (G) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:45-6:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40
Chronicle (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35
Contraband (18A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:15-7:35-10:30 Mon 4:15-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:15-7:35-10:30
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:05-6:55-10 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:55-10
Donovan's Echo (STC) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-9:40
Ernani (STC) Sat 9:55
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:15-9:45 Mon-Wed 4:10-7:15-9:45 Thu 4:10-7:15
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:45-10:20
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Goon (18A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:40-10:20
The Grey (18A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:10-7:05-9:55 Mon 4:10-7:05 Tue-Wed 4:10-7:05-9:55 Thu 4:10-9:55
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:50
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island — An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:30-9:50
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Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-10:15
This Means War (STC) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:35-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:35-7:35-10:15
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 10:25
The Vow (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:50-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-7-9:50
Wanderlust (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:25-4:35-7:20-10:05 No Passes Mon-Tue 4:35-7:20-10:05 No Passes Wed 7:20-10:05 No Passes Thu 4:35-7:20-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 3
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:30 Sun 4:30-7:25-10:30

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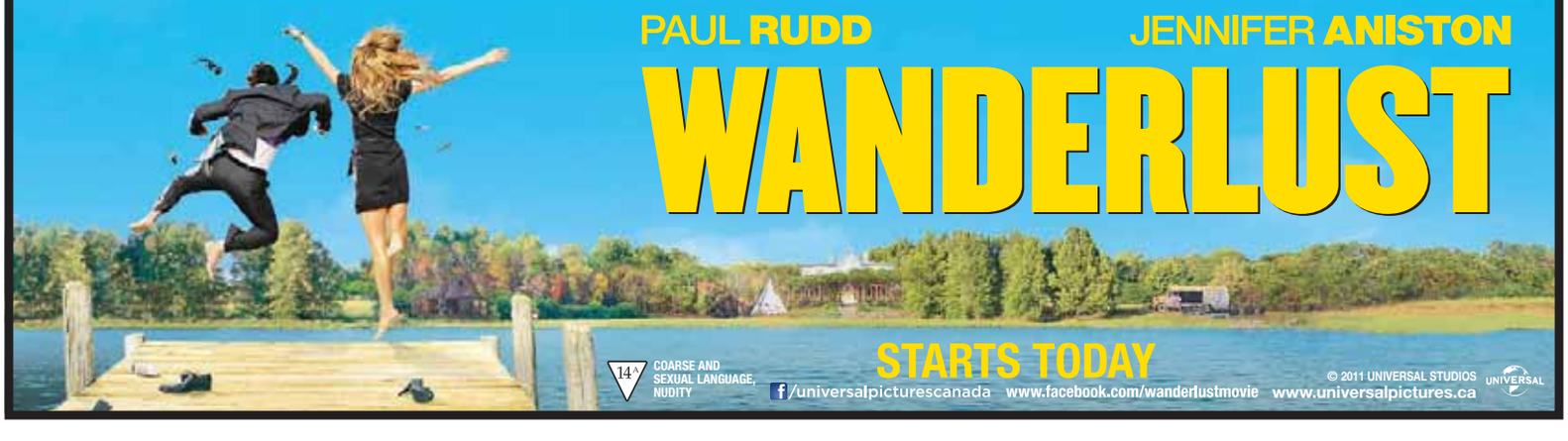
The Grey (18A) Fri-Sun 9:25
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri-Sun 7:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon-Thu



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Oscars: Who will win, and should

While the Academy has finished voting and the Oscar winners are all but decided, we thought we'd give some experts one last chance to weigh in on the year's best

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▶ The Artist looks like a favourite to collect some serious hardware on Oscar night.

Alonso Duralde, theWrap.com

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist. It's a feel-good movie that, beyond being silent and black-and-white, plays it pretty safe, and it's got the Weinstein machine behind it.

Should win: The Descendants. When people look back at this period of filmmaking decades from now, the humanity and the wit of Alexander Payne's movies will continue to resonate.

Should have been nominated: I know that movies like Weekend or Attack the Block would never in a million years get the nod from Oscar, so I'll go with Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Haznavicius (The Artist), more as part of the sweep for The Artist than out of a collective love of the OSS 117 series.

Should win: Alexander Payne, The Descendants.

Should have been nominated: Bennett Miller, for making Moneyball so fascinating to non-sports fans like me.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin (The Artist). He's way more appealing than Roberto Benigni, but if he wins, he'll be lumped together with him for all eternity.

Should win: All of these performances are great in their own way, but I'd love to see Gary Oldman get it, both for making such small choices resonate so deeply in Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy and as a tribute to 25 years of unpredictable work.

Should have been nominated: Steve Coogan in The Trip. Playing "yourself" is tricky business, and he makes his obnoxious on-screen alter ego eminently watchable.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Viola Davis (The Help), who gives an extraordinary performance in the service of a toxic movie.

Should win: Davis, if only for having the role that relies the least on prosthetics/makeup/costume.

Should have been nominated: Vera Farmiga, for her luminous work as a woman who begins to question her commitment to her faith in the wonderful and little-seen Higher Ground, which she also directed.

Kyle Buchanan, Vulture

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist.

Should win: Moneyball.

Should have been nominated: Drive.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Hazanavicius, The Artist.

Should win: Either Woody Allen (Midnight in Paris) or Terrence Malick (Tree of Life), simply because they won't show up and the lack of a speech will help bring the show in on time.

Should have been nominated: Bennett Miller, Moneyball.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin, The Artist.

Should win: Brad Pitt, Moneyball.

Should have been nominated: Michael Shannon, Take Shelter.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Viola Davis, The Help.

Should win: Viola Davis, The Help.

Should have been nominated: Kristen Wiig, Bridesmaids.

Ned Ehrbar, Metro World News

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist, a decent tribute to the history of film, but too light for my tastes.

Should win: Hugo, a much more inventive tribute to the history of film.

Should have been nominated: Shame, by far one the best — and most depressing — films of the year.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Hazanavicius, The Artist.

Should win: Martin Scorsese, Hugo.

Should have been nominated: David Fincher, Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin, The Artist

Should win: Gary Oldman, Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.

Should have been nominated: Michael Fassbender, Shame.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Meryl Streep, The Iron Lady.

Should win: Streep, because really, it's time. And she made Margaret Thatcher human.

Should have been nominated: Tilda Swinton, We Need to Talk About Kevin.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR AND ACTRESS

Smart money's on Christopher Plummer for Beginners and Octavia Spencer for The Help. METRO

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Gazing into the future

It's been a long and exhausting awards season, so before the awards are even handed out, let's move on to next year. Here are some random, completely unfounded predictions for next year's Oscars:

BEST PICTURE:
Life of Pi. Ang Lee taking on a best-selling novel about a boy and a bunch of animals lost at sea? Can't lose.

BEST ACTOR:
Daniel Day-Lewis, Lincoln. The award-winning — and notoriously picky — actor taking on the Great Emancipator as directed by Stephen Spielberg? Exactly the kind of combination the Academy goes gaga for.

BEST ACTRESS:
Carey Mulligan, The Great Gatsby. With nothing to base an opinion on, why not be super-optimistic about Mulligan's turn as Daisy Buchanan in Baz Lurhmann's 3D version of the literary classic?

Leonardo DiCaprio, though, will continue to not win an Oscar. METRO

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Red carpet makeup

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▶ Carrie Underwood and her eyelashes.

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▶ Angelina Jolie and her flawless skin.

Professional makeup artist Mariam Jensen — who has styled celebrities from Rihanna to Richard Branson — breaks down what the stars will be doing to wow on the red carpet this year.

1. Strong lips in bold orange and red shades are trending on the red carpet, as seen on stars such as Christina Hendricks at this year's BAFTAS. Orange and red are actually quite wearable, yet many women shy away from trying them. Red lipstick dresses up an outfit — I often tease my clients that red lips are like heels minus the pain! Some gorgeous, wearable reds to try are MAC Lady Danger, Tom Ford Cherry Lush, and for the first-timers try JK Jemma Kidd Air Kiss Shine Lip Gloss in Dress 2 Impress.

2. False eyelashes are huge on the red carpet. At the Grammys, we saw Carrie Underwood, Kelly Rowland and Jessie J rocking long, thick, doll-like lashes. I am a huge fan of Shu Uemura Smokey Layers, which add the length, volume and drama to the eyes, yet are much more user-friendly than some of the versions the celebs are wearing.

If you're not ready to have super-obvious false eyelashes, try another huge celeb secret: mink eyelashes. I love Velour Lashes are soft, cruelty-free and look very natural on the eyes.

3. Flawless skin is another huge trend we are seeing on the red carpet. Gone are the days of sheer tints, as celebs are strutting the red carpet with mannequin skin. To get a perfect, flawless finish, try products like My Face Cosmetics My Mix Foundation, which provides a gorgeous light-weight finish. For those that need more coverage, I am a huge fan of Cover Fx Total Coverage Cream Foundation, which covers every imperfection under the sun with little effort. This miracle product covers acne, pigmentation, rosacea and even tattoos. (Angelina Jolie apparently is a huge fan.)

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▶ Actor Colin Firth, winner of the award for best actor in a leading role for The King's Speech, attends the Governors Ball last year.

5 things you didn't know about the Academy Awards

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1

On-site engraving: It used to be that winners were given a dummy Oscar and would have to wait weeks for the real thing to arrive, but beginning last year the Academy started setting up an engraving station at the Governor's Ball right after the ceremony. No word on how much winners would have to bribe the engravers to embellish the accolades, but if you notice a plaque that says "Viola 'Suck it, Meryl!' Davis," you'll know it's possible.

2

Seat-fillers are hard at work: One of the cushiest gigs in Hollywood for an extra is that of an Oscars ceremony seat-filler. The well-dressed group waits backstage to sit in for presenters, winners or anyone else who needs to get up without leaving the auditorium looking a little less star-filled. The seat-fillers even get to walk the red carpet before the ceremony.

3

Extended acceptance speeches: While winners tend to be swept off the stage after a minute or less of giddiness, there's a camera setup backstage that streams online where they can add in any friends or family members they didn't get a chance to mention — or completely forgot.

4

Even more tuxedos: The Oscars is a black-tie event for everyone, down to the stagehands, caterers and lowly press mulling about backstage. While the more physically demanding jobs — like hauling cameras around the auditorium — get a pass on the bow-tie, the crew members still have to look presentable.

5

Attendees people are paying for drinks: While the Golden Globes offer an open bar throughout the ceremony, the lobby drink stations at the Kodak Theater still charge during the ceremony. So if you see folks heading up the aisle at commercial breaks, assume they're reaching for their wallets.

The Oscar drinking game

Awards shows can get pretty long and tedious, even for movie buffs. This Academy Awards Viewing Party Drinking Game should help enliven the dull moments. The rules are simple. Take a drink every time:

1. The orchestra attempts to "play off" a winner during their acceptance speech (take two if it's during an acting category)

2. Someone reference's Michael Fassbender's nude scenes in Shame

3. You don't recognize someone during the In Memorium montage

4. The Artist wins an award — but do it quietly

5. Someone makes a lame joke about The Artist being a silent film

6. A loser pretends to be cool about losing, but you know they're really angry

7. Billy Crystal makes you laugh

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Even cartoons need their Cons

The Gorillaz are back Check out the cartoon band's new sound and kicks with the one and only: Converse

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The Converse and Gorillaz sneaker collaboration hits stores this week. But it's no eye-rolling music-meets-fashion collaboration.

The cartoon band — led by lead singer Damon Albarn — employed the help of their art and video director Jamie Hewlett, a smart move judging by his epic videos.

There's a fresh sound too, thanks to the Converse Three Artists One Song, titled DoYaThing featuring Gorillaz, James Murphy and Outkast's Andre 3000, which is available to download from converse.com. (The band's collection of singles is also out now.)

Here's a taste of what to expect with the help of band member Murdoc.

Get the look

The Cons come in a camo-print, military-insignia motif, complete with cartoon Pazuzu character and a collage of graffiti-style album artwork.

But here's a word of advice from our man Murdoc: "I think they need to be worn in a bit, to give them that skuzzy feel." So true, no wannabe hipster wants to rock up in shiny new shoes — you'll be bullied.

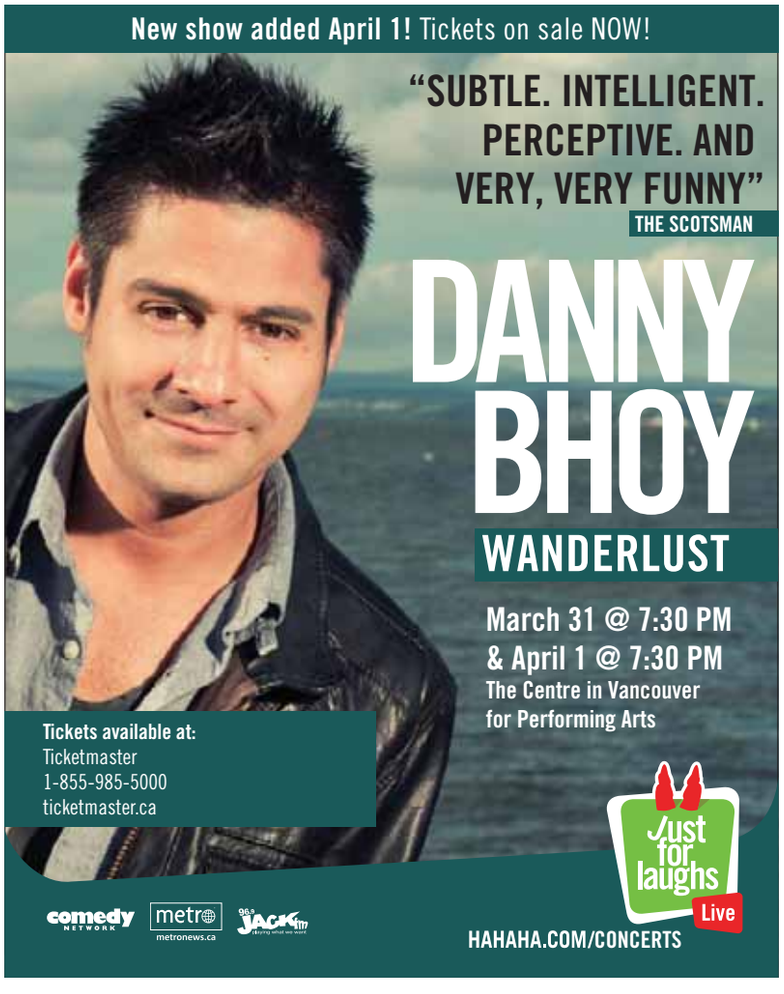
The music

It's a mash-up of the entire Gorillaz back catalogue — but don't worry, it doesn't get messy. The band's bassist says: "It's hip-hop, it's funk, it's rock, it rolls — it's got it all. It does its thing, y'know."

Ten years, four shoes

So, just how did the guys decide which designs would make the four shoes cut? Well, Murdoc keeps it simple, saying: "It's always been four pairs of shoes. Me, Russel, Noodle and ... 2D. But the whole history of this band has been just four pairs of shoes."

▶ The cartoon band Gorillaz CONTRIBUTED



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Bobby Brown plans Whitney tell-all book

Friends furious at his attempts to cash in on her death, ditching funeral

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Bobby Brown is reportedly looking to write a tell-all memoir about his time with Whitney Houston — but it's not the first time he's had the idea, according to the Huffington Post.

"Back in 2008, the interest in a book on Whitney Houston wasn't that great. Whitney had fallen off the radar back then," a source says.

"But now, following her tragic death, the market has changed. Now is the time for a book that details an honest look into the life of Whitney."

Friends of the late singer aren't surprised by Brown's supposed interest.

"This is a man who left his ex-wife's funeral because he didn't like his seats and went to a paying gig that night," one pal says.

"He didn't get on stage that night because he needed to sing his greatest hits or because Whitney would have wanted him to entertain his fans, he did it to get a paycheck — the same reason he now wants to write a tell-all book."

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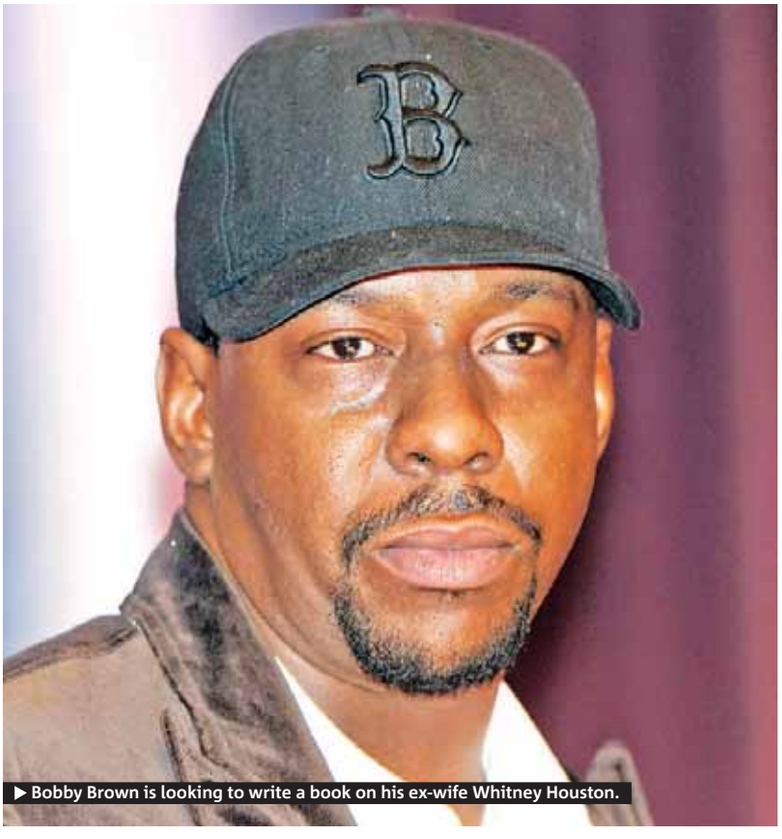

▶ Bobby Brown is looking to write a book on his ex-wife Whitney Houston.

Talking points

Witherspoon wants to add to her family

ANOTHER FUTURE BREAD WINNER Reese Witherspoon is up for the idea of having a baby with new husband Jim Toth, according to Hollyscoop.

"I'd love that," the Oscar-winner says. "I feel really good and I'm at a really good place in my life."

Witherspoon already has two children — 12-year-old Ava and 8-year-old Deacon — with ex-husband Ryan Phillippe, and she admits another kid would mean more people to embarrass around the house.

"The other day I was dancing around the house when they came in and literally stared at me like, 'Oh my God, that's so embarrassing,'" she says of her children.

"But I didn't stop. You can't stop dancing."

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Celebrity tweets

"I'm considering changing my Twitter avatar. This decision is momentous. Feel like I should focus group it."

@ElizabethBanks

"I've waited 25 years for last night. it was worth every second .... welcome back Dave Roth. Rock has a new sherriff."

@charliesheen

"There's four kids at this playground named Cody. Buffalo Bill would be so proud."

@joelmchale

"Great news! Hosting Oscars counts five hours toward my community service!"

@BillyCrystal

Lohan to host SNL

Lindsay Lohan finally had a good day in court at her latest probation hearing.

"Miss Lohan, you're in the home stretch," Judge Stephanie Saunter told the actress, according to TMZ. "The probation officer is pleased with your progress. You seem to be getting your life back on track, and that's what we've all hoped for."

Lohan still has to return to court in a month for another checkup and complete 14 more hours of community service, but Judge Saunter did give her permission to leave the state of California for work, meaning Lohan is clear to host Saturday Night Live next week.

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▶ Lindsay Lohan is one step closer to returning to a normal life.

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Classy take on Oscar bites

Many Academy Award parties offer themed dishes • Try sophisticated Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites instead • If you want a theme, serve beverages inspired by best picture nominees

Toasting the nominees

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I've been addicted to the Academy Awards show since I stayed up past my bedtime to watch The Godfather Part II beat The Towering Inferno for best picture in 1974 (I'm still shocked).

This year, I'm celebrating what's proved to be a pretty good year for movies by coming up with a liquid match for the front runners vying for the top prize this Sunday.

The Artist
What the heck? A black and white silent film from France is this year's best bet for Best Picture? Its late '20s setting made me thirsty for an ice cold martini made with France's best know neutral spirit Grey Goose Vodka ($44.99 - $49.99). Shaken, not stirred, of course.

The Descendants
Alexander Payne directed the now classic wine-themed Sideways. Celebrate his latest masterpiece (and George Clooney's great performance) with anything but merlot. Think a food friendly, Californian red like Robert Mondavi's 2008 Private Selection Pinot Noir ($15.95 - $19.99). My money is on The Descendants to win.

The Help
This excellent ensemble piece is set in the southern USA during the days when the Civil Rights movement was just getting going. American whisky is the tipple of choice in that part of the world so reach for a chilled shot of Maker's Mark Bourbon ($35.95 - $39.99). Scared of bourbon sans mix? Make the south's most famous cocktail: The mint julep.

Midnight In Paris
An American in Paris travels back in time to the City of Lights' heyday. Toast the return of Woody Allen with the old school, fruit -forward goodness of Georges Duboeuf's 2010 Brouilly ($15.78 - $22.49) from France's Beaujolais region. Baguette, optional.

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▶ This recipe makes 24 bites.

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The Academy Awards is a pretty elaborate affair. So why not make your party just as fancy with these Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites.

The lemon works well to balance the smoked salmon.

Look for the little cups in grocery store shelves around the deli or in the cracker aisle.

These are also just as delicious on kettle chips for a quick change.

Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites

Preparation:

1. Using electric hand mixer, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in horseradish, shallot, capers, garlic, lemon rind and juice until smooth.
2. Place croustade cups onto serving platter and pipe or dollop a small amount of the mixture into cups.
3. Cut smoked salmon into thin strips and place decoratively on top of cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with chives before serving.

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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) horseradish
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced shallot
- 2 tsp (10 mL) minced capers
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon rind
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1 box (40 g) siljans croustade cups
- 1 pkg (85 g) sliced smoked salmon
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh chives

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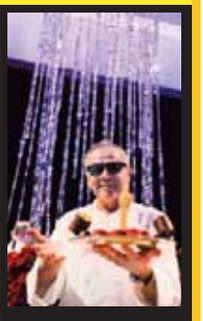

Governors Ball chef Wolfgang Puck has once again created a delicious array of dishes for the stars to dine on following the 84th Academy Awards.

This year, instead of a formal sit-down dinner, the chef will offer 50 dishes for a buffet-style event.

Among the delicacies are lobster, pot pie, gold dusted chocolate Oscars and more.

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Kings land Carter

Jeff Carter is on his way to the West Coast.

The L.A. Kings acquired the centre from the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night for defenceman Jack Johnson and a conditional first-round pick.

The deal is pending both players passing a physical Friday.

Carter, 27, missed 20 games this season due to a broken foot and a separated shoulder. He had three goals in the Blue Jackets' last game and has 15 goals and 10 assists in 39 games.

"I am obviously excited. I am familiar with the team and a lot of guys on the team," Carter said. "I looked at the Kings at the start of the year as being a club in a good position to win. I look forward to coming to L.A. and being a part of it all."

Columbus acquired Carter from the Philadelphia Flyers last summer for Jakub Voracek and first- and third-round picks in 2011.

He signed an 11-year, $58-million US contract with Philadelphia in November 2010.

"Jeff is a proven goal scorer in our league. He brings goal-scoring abilities, speed and at his age he is entering the prime of his career," Kings president and general manager Dean Lombardi said in a statement. "We also like his versatility as he can play both centre and wing."

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The streak is history

Burrows connects in shootout to deny Wings 24th home win in a row

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▶ Alex Burrows scores the winning goal against Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard.

The NHL's best team on the road this season snapped the longest home winning streak in league history.

Daniel Sedin scored his second goal of the game with 15.4 seconds left in regulation and Alex Burrows got the only goal in a shootout, lifting the Vancouver Canucks to a 4-3 victory on Thursday that ended the Detroit Red Wings' NHL-record 23-game home winning streak.

"It's nice that we're the team that ended the streak," said Burrows, who lifted a backhand over Jimmy Howard when he went low. "It's remarkable to win that many games in a row on home ice."

Detroit hadn't lost at Joe Louis Arena since Nov. 3 against Calgary, breaking the previous single-season mark of 20 shared by the 1929-30 Boston Bruins and 1975-76 Philadelphia Flyers.

The Red Wings extended the streak with three wins in shootouts — taking advantage of a way to break ties that wasn't possible before the 2005-06 season — but their coach said that didn't diminish the feat.

"I don't care what era, it was just a real good run for the Red Wings that set us up in a good situation playoff-wise," Mike Babcock said.

The NHL-leading Red Wings hold a one-point lead over Vancouver in the Western Conference. The Canucks have won a league-high 21 games on the road this season.

A sold-out crowd stood during the shootout, which started with Roberto Luongo stopping Jiri Hudler's shot and Howard going low to smother David Booth's attempt.

Henrik Zetterberg missed the net on Detroit's second attempt and Alexander Edler was denied on the ensuing opportunity.

Todd Bertuzzi, who signed a two-year extension with the Red Wings, couldn't put his team ahead and Burrows took advantage with a chance to end the game — and the streak.

"It was an intense game with a playoff atmosphere," Luongo said.

Luongo made 33 saves and Howard had 40 stops.

Detroit was 16 seconds away from getting the win in regulation, but the Canucks pulled Luongo to have an extra skater in the Red Wings end for a face-off.

On the next sequence, Sedin took a slap shot from the slot that Howard never saw after his teammates failed to clear the puck when it was behind the net.

"For us to come in here and play well and show that we can beat them means a lot," Burrows said. "But there's a lot of work ahead and if we face them in the playoffs, it will start 0-0." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Braun's 50-game suspension tossed

Ryan Braun's 50-game suspension was overturned Thursday by arbitrator Shyam Das, the first time a baseball player has successfully challenged a drug-related penalty in a grievance.

The decision was announced Thursday by the Major League Baseball Players Association, a day before the 28-year-old outfielder was due to report to spring training with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Braun's urine tested positive in October for elevated testosterone. ESPN revealed the positive test in December.

Braun has insisted that he did not violate baseball's drug agreement.

"I am very pleased and relieved by today's decision," he said in a statement. "It is the first step in restoring my good name and reputation. We were able to get through this because I am innocent and the truth is on our side."

MLB executive vice-president Rob Manfred said management "vehemently disagrees" with Das' decision.

Travis Tygart, chief executive officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, called the decision "a real gut-kick to clean athletes."

During the hearing, Braun's side challenged the chain of custody from the time the urine sample was collected by Comprehensive Drug Testing Inc. to when it was sent, nearly 48 hours later, to a World Anti-Doping Agency-certified laboratory in Montreal, two people familiar with the case said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the hearing was supposed to be confidential.

Das, baseball's independent arbitrator since 2000, informed the sides of his decision and has 30 days to provide a written opinion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sample slip-up?

Ryan Braun's urine sample was collected Saturday, Oct. 1, the day the Brewers opened the NL playoffs.

- The collector didn't send the sample to the laboratory until Monday, thinking it would be more secure at home than at a FedEx office during the weekend.
- MLB's drug agreement states: "Absent unusual circumstances, the specimens should be sent by FedEx to the laboratory on the same day they are collected."
- "To have this sort of technicality of all technicalities let a player off ... it's just a sad day for all the clean players and those that abide by the rules within professional baseball," Travis Tygart, CEO of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, said.

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Canucks preview

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The Canucks (39-16-6) travel to New Jersey (35-20-4) after beating Detroit on Thursday night. The Devils have won four straight and eight of their last 10 games. Adam Henrique became the first rookie to reach 40 points this season with two assists in a 4-3 overtime win against Toronto on Tuesday. Henrique has 41 points and six in his last four games. February has been Martin Brodeur's best month of the season, with a 1.73 goals-against average and .939 save percentage through eight starts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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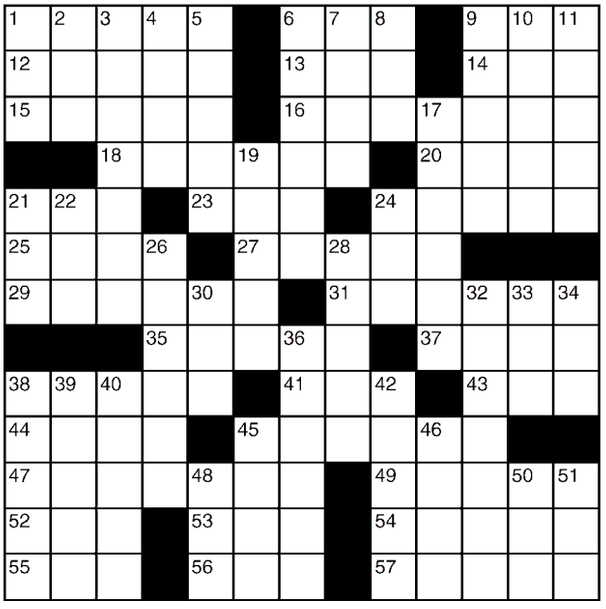

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4 Commotion
5 Postage
6 Colombia's capital
7 Without acting
8 Afternoon affair
9 Overhead
10 Libertines
11 200 milligrams
17 Grumbling sound
19 Sew loosely
21 Type squares
22 Obtained
24 "Charlotte's —"
26 New Jersey airport city
28 Great quintet?
30 Bobble
32 "Little Shop of Horrors" role
33 Away from WSW
34 Banned pesticide
36 House of worship
38 Settle a loan
39 Cognizant
40 Skin (Suff.)
42 Show to be false
45 Tousle, as hair
46 — Major
48 "Three Men — Horse"
50 Bankroll
51 Crafty

▶ Yesterday's answer

E	C	R	U	■	H	A	S	■	P	H	A	T
M	A	I	L	■	O	N	E	■	L	O	D	E
I	S	N	T	■	M	A	G	■	A	M	E	N
R	E	G	I	M	E	■	A	C	C	E	N	T
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E	C	H	O	■	O	P	H	I	D	I	A	N
F	R	O	■	W	H	O	■	■	C	H	E	■
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A	L	O	E	■	E	D	O	■	L	A	T	E
P	A	R	R	■	A	N	D	■	E	P	I	C
E	L	K	S	■	L	A	Y	■	D	E	S	K

Sudoku

	5		9		4		2	
7			6		1			4
	8			5			9	
		2				1		
4	7						3	2
		8				9		
	4			3			1	
5			2		9			8
	9		5		7		6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	8	6	7	4	5	9	2	3
7	4	3	6	9	2	5	1	8
9	5	2	3	8	1	4	7	6
2	3	9	8	1	4	7	6	5
4	7	5	9	6	3	2	8	1
6	1	8	5	2	7	3	4	9
8	9	7	2	5	6	1	3	4
3	6	4	1	7	9	8	5	2
5	2	1	4	3	8	6	9	7

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Joombazz, Hi babe, I know we've been having our disagreements and misunderstandings more than ever now but even with everything going on know that my love never stops for you but continues to grow. Everything we go through only makes us stronger and closer. I love you with all my heart baby boo. Take care and smile! :) **JABOOMZZ**

strong women
Friends are gems. Family are forever hugs and kisses. Little ones need us even if they are not our own. Big high five to all the hardworking people out there trying to make a better world they live in. Its another beautiful day. Smile! **SAME CLUB**

you, i'd say everyrthing that i know just to see if it would show. but this time i just dont know. i wonder why your always in a good mood though. **BABES**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You have so many good things going for you that you don't need to waste time on schemes that are unlikely to ever come true.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Life is too short to waste time arguing over trivial things, so ignore people who try to involve you in fights that don't matter.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Your mind is forever on the move and at least one of your ideas is touched by genius.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Someone needs your help but is afraid to ask. You know who he or she is. Make the first move.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
The answers you get today may not be the answers you want but they are the answers you need to hear.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You are in a hole and no amount of wishful thinking is going to get you out of it. It is time to get practical.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
If you are going to make the most of your talents, you need to stretch yourself — not just physically but mentally, too.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
The planets indicate you need help today but you may be reluctant to ask because you don't like to be in anyone's debt. You won't be.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Think carefully before making major changes over the next 24 hours. You should be aiming for evolution, not revolution.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You need to be careful when dealing with both financial matters and affairs of the heart.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Some people are being unnaturally nice to you, making you wonder what they are up to. There is nothing they can do to hurt you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
There's a danger you'll end up partying with the wrong sort of crowd, but so what? **SALLY BROMPTON**

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